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WHY IS THE CALIF. REPUBLICAN PARTY FIGHTING SO HARD TO KEEP PROP. 73 RULES IN PLACE??

A federal judge's ruling several weeks ago OVERTURNING key parts of Calif.'s Prop. 73 campaign finance law has sent the Calif. Republican Party into a PANIC. The GOP is fearful that Demo gubernatorial candidate Dianne Feinstein is beginning to close the HUGE money gap that now exists between the former S.F. mayor and Sen. Pete Wilson(R). Insiders tell CALPEEK that if the gap is narrowed, and DiFi is able match Wilson in the TV ad war during the closing weeks of the campaign, she has a good shot to beat Wilson...

...Just as CALPEEK went to press, the CRP's appeal to stop U.S. Dist. Judge Lawrence Karlton's rule from taking effect went down the tubes. The plan now is to take the case to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor...

...Why is the CRP so intent on going back to pre-Karlton Prop. 73 campaign contribution limits, thus trying to stop Feinstein from equalizing the MONEY? Simple. Think back to the Spring when the Calif. Republican Party had a great opportunity to enact major REAPPORTIONMENT reforms with Props. 118 and 119. Remember what happened and who got blamed when they both failed? Yes, the CRP and CRP Chair Frank Visco. But the GOP ace in the hole is WILSON. If Wilson is elected, he's the insurance against any loopsided Demo REMAPPING plan. That's why the CRP is so concerned about Prop. 73, money and Difi...

...While the Prop. 73 ruling by U.S. Dist. Judge Karlton helps Feinstein, the CRP apparently doesn't care that Karlton's decision ALSO helps GOP candidates trying to unseat Demos such as LG Leo McCarthy, Controller Gray Davis and SoS March Fong Eu...

...Up until Karlton's ruling, GOP LG candidate Marian Bergeson, AG candidate Dan Lungren, SoS candidate Joan Flores and controller candidate Matt Fong, were all having a somewhat difficult time raising the kind of warchest necessary to defeat an incumbent. The same applies to the GOP's only incumbent, State Treas. Tom Hayes. The problem was and has been Pete Wilson, who has probably one of the BEST fundraising operations in Calif. political history. But his fundraising has collected just about every available GOP dollar in Calif., leaving the scraps for the rest of the GOP team. Karlton's ruling opening up the dollar limits WILL HELP Bergeson, Hayes et al because each one probably has 20-40 contributors who can pop for big bucks. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: STATE BD. OF EQUALIZATION.

Editor's note: Despite the fact that the news media gives very little attention to the FOUR elected members of the State Board of Equalization, this board administers the State's TAX system. Come Nov. 6th, there could be a MAJOR SHIFT in this board. Here is a brief update...

...Of the four current members of the BOE, only two (and maybe only one) will be returning next year. The one SURE BET is incumbent BOE member Ernest Dronenburg(R) of San Diego. Dronenburg should have little trouble in winning reelection against Demo Floyd Morrow, a perennial candidate...

...In District #2, the favorite to win is Demo CPA/taxpayer's rep Brad Sherman, who proved to be a giant killer in the Demo primary by knocking off former Assemblyman Lou Papan. Sherman faces L.A. businessman Claude Parrish, a GOPer who has run for various other offices before...

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...With regard to the 1st and 4th District, CALPEEK's crystal ball begins to fog up. In the 1st District, incumbent Demo Bill Bennett is under a strong attack from GOP challenger Jeff Wallack. Bennett's image as "Mr. Clean" has been somewhat tarnished by allegations that his expense reports may not be in order, a charge which is currently being probed by the AG's office. It's a good hit, but MONEY is the key question for Wallack. To knock off an incumbent like Bennett takes lots of money...

...Finally, there is District #4, where incumbent Paul Carpenter has been CONVICTED in the ongoing FBI corruption probe in Sacramento. Carpenter's GOP opponent is Joe Adams, who is a BOE employee. The key question here is whether voters will remember that Carpenter is CONVICTED and can't hold office. If Adams raises enough money, he might get the message out. If Carpenter wins, which is possible, then Calif.'s next governor would appoint someone else to fill out his term. Bottomline: if Adams wins, then the BOE would be split 2-2; but if Wallack upsets Bennett, then the GOP would hold a 3-1 advantage. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: MORE LEGISLATIVE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part V of our continuing coverage of key legislative races. This week CALPEEK focuses on 2 State Senate races where the action is beginning to heat up...

- 34th S.D. - This is the Inland Empire district of incumbent Demo Ruben Ayala, who is facing an increasingly tough challenge from GOP Assemblyman Chuck Bader. The hot issue is CREDIBILITY. In early September, Bader hit Ayala with a flip-flop charge on the chioce issue, saying that Ayala was trying to have it both ways and backed up this charge with conflicting quotes from various newspapers. Ayala was NOT a happy camper with this hit and issued a statement saying he has always been OPPOSED TO ABORTION. The matter might have ended there, except that the reporter doing this story for the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin called Ayala's office (but did not ID himself as a reporter) to ask whether the senator was PRO-LIFE or PRO-CHOICE. The staffer replied that Ayala was PRO-CHOICE. Bingo. But it gets better (or worse if you like Ayala). The senator also agreed to be the San Berdu Co. chair for Prop. 129 - that's VdK's law and order initiative. However, when Bader not-

ed that #129 had PRO-CHOICE wording, Ayala decided not to chair the committee. Bottomline: CALPEEK sources say the Demos are VERY WORRIED about holding this seat...

- 4th S.D. - This is the northern Calif. district of incumbent GOP State Sen. Jim Nielsen of Rohnert Park. Nielsen's Demo challenger is Mike Thompson, a former Assembly staffer, who is making heavy use of TV in his bid to unseat Nielsen. Both sides may spend \$500,000. Nielsen's own polling shows him up by 23 points, while Thompson's survey shows a much closer race, Nielsen 36%, Thompson 21%, with 43% undecided. On push questions in this survey by Fairbank, Bregman & Maullin for Thompson, it shows Nielsen may be vulnerable on questions about pesticides and ethics. The Demos think they have a shot at an upset...

CAMPAIGN 1990: FALL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Editor's note: Here is another CALPEEK update on some local ballot measures facing voters this Nov. 6th...

- ROAD TO UTOPIA - With the election less than 5 weeks away, it's anyone's guess how Orange County voters will react to another proposal to hike the sales tax by 1/2 cent to improve transportation — given recent developments in Wahington D.C. Yet supporters of Measure M believe the third time is the charm. Sacto consultant David Townsend is in charge this time and he does have a successful record in winning these types of tax measures. Private polling by Jim Moore shows #M with 2-1 in favor, while public polling shows the race to be much closer. Campaign sources remain optimistic and say that past supporters have remained loyal to the cause...

- TO BE, OR NOT TO BE - Shall the City and County of Sacramento unite to become one big city/county body, such as San Francisco? That's the question that has voters from the State Capital split in all directions. Measure S has also split up consultants David Townsend (YES on S) and Richard Ross (NO on S), who in the past have worked together on issues impacting Sacto. Not this time. Latest polling in the Sacto BEE (Sept. 13-16, 500 registered voters) shows YES on S with a 37% to 35% lead, with 28% undecided. The margin of error is nearly 5%, meaning this race is far from over despite the fact that the YES side seems to be

getting the bulk of key endorsements (LWV, Metro C of C, Sacto DA Steve White, Sacto Sheriff Glen Craig, Sacto Mayor Anne Rudin and the Sacto BEE). But when the issue came up for a vote in the Sacto City Council, there wasn't a majority at the time to win a YES endorsement. And the County Bd. of Supes is split too. The real purpose of Measure S is to stop incorporation of communities within the county. If the high income/wealthier neighborhoods incorporate, the county will be out millions of dollars. Bottomline: this contest will come down to the wire. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: 25 IN RACE FOR S.F. SUPES.

The hottest race in San Francisco is the battle for the County Bd. of Supervisors, with 25 candidates running for 5 seats. Why so many candidates? Because there are 3 OPEN seats for this Nov. 6th election and CALPEEK sources think there are at least 7 strong challengers who have a shot. Most insiders feel veteran Supes. Bill Maher and Doris Ward should win reelection without much trouble. If Maher gets the most votes on Nov. 6th, he'll be the new president of the board, something that won't go down well with S.F. Mayor Art Agnos, who is doing all he can to help Ward. Maher's reelection bid is under the direction of the Campaign Performance Group, while Ward's campaign is being run by Gale Kaufman of Sacto...

...Of the 7 other "serious" candidates, many insiders are betting that NAME ID will play a big part in winning. If that's the case, then former Sup. Carol Ruth Silver is in the thick of things, as is S.F. Co. Demo Party Chair Carole Migden. Others with good name ID include lesbian activist Roberta Achtenberg, who ran against now Assemblyman John Burton a few years ago; Arlo Hale Smith, the DA's son, who also sits on the BART Board; and Police Comm. Jose Medina...

...Although their name ID is not as strong as the above group, Kevin Shelley is the son of former S.F. Mayor Jack Shelley; and Jim Lazarus is the VP of the S.F. Chamber of Commerce. Both are well connected with MONEY and big name endorsements. Shelley's campaign is being run by Mike Ganley, while consultant Jack Davis is handling Lazarus's campaign. P.S. Lazarus is a former aide to Dianne Feinstein...

...Who's ahead? Difficult to say, but probably Shelley and Migden have the best shot of making the board of the 7 "serious" non-incumbents. CALPEEK will update this race once more. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: RUNOFFS FOR COUNTY SHERIFF.

Editor's note: There are 8 counties which have runoff elections for sheriff. Here's a brief update on two of them...

- SAN DIEGO - Things were kinda quiet until Jeannett Roache, campaign manager and wife of Sheriff's Capt. Jim Roache, got "popped for a duce." That's cop talk for arrested for DUI. The incident, several weeks ago, got lots of play in the local news media and brought smiles to campaign of Asst. Sheriff Jack Drown. Up until this incident, many insiders had felt Roache was the guy to beat in this race to replace retiring Sheriff John Duffy. For Drown, who has been playing catch-up, the DUI incident on Roache's wife may open things up. This race could get real BLOODY...

- TULARE - The Deputy Sheriffs Assn. (DSA) and PORAC (Peace Officers Research Assn. of CA) are now behind the candidacy of former sheriff's sgt. Butch Coley, who is now a criminology instructor at a local community college. Coley, who has run for sheriff FOUR TIMES before, faces an uphill battle against Undersheriff Doyle Hoppert, who is the hand-picked candidate of retiring Sheriff Bob Wiley, an institution in Tulare Co. Hoppert got 29% in the primary, while Coley got 26%. There were 3 others in the primary. An upset is possible...

- OTHER MATCHES - In El Dorado Co., Undersheriff Don McDonald faces Placerville PD Officer Bob Ewing; in Lake Co., Sheriff Lt. Jeffrey Markham faces Sheriff Sgt. James Wright; in Yolo Co., Sheriff Operations Commander Gerald Shadinger faces retired Yolo Sheriff Capt. Robert Martinez, who now teaches college; in Monterey Co., incumbent Sheriff Bud Cook faces Sheriff Lt. Norm Hicks; in Merced Co., Sheriff Lt. Don Kline faces CHP officer Tom Sawyer; and in Tuolumne Co., incumbent Sheriff Robert Coane faces former CHP division commander Richard Nutting. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 1990: UPDATE ON TERM LIMITS.

Editor's note: Here's an update on developments surrounding Props. 131 & 140...

- The latest L.A. Times poll shows #131 leading by a margin of 50% to 34%, while #140 has a 55% to 28% lead. On the question of how voters feel about the CA State Legislature's job performance, 24% approve and 48% disapprove. HOWEVER, on the question of reelecting individuals lawmakers, 46% say assemblymembers deserve to be re-elected, compared to 17% who say throw the bums out...

- In the DEAD RUMOR department, forget that stuff that former Pres. Ronald Reagan is going to come out swinging against #140. It just isn't going to happen. But yes, he is for repeal of the 22nd amendment...

- GOP Assembly Leader Ross Johnson has announced his OPPOSITION to both #131 and #140...

- Why is U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson flirting with the idea of endorsing #140? Because Wilson's numbers with conservatives need to be improved and #140 has lots of appeal on the right. And State Sen. Ken Maddy(R) doesn't especially like Wilson's love songs to #140, but what can he do???

CAMPAIGN 1990: BATTLE FOR ORANGE CO. DA.

Editor's note: There are only 2 county DA runoffs this Nov. 6: a battle in Amador County between incumbent DA David Richmond and challenger Larry Dickson; and the race in conservative and populous Orange County. Here is a brief update on this campaign...

...Did appointed incumbent Orange County DA Michael Capizzi make a mistake in not joining a State prosecution team looking into the affairs of Lincoln S&L owner Charles Keating? It is a question which has now surfaced in what up to now has been a fairly tame and quiet campaign between Capizzi and his main rival, Orange County Chief Deputy DA James Enright...

...Enright is critical of Capizzi and says if he had been the DA, he would have asked the county grand jury to look the case over. Because this is the kind of issue which can make or break a campaign, this past week Capizzi issued a statement saying the State was wasting its time prosecuting

Keating because it is a federal case. But legal critics disagree, noting that State laws may have been violated too...

...Until this Keating issue surfaced, Enright's campaign had been MIA. Regardless, Enright is highly respected by the legal community and is given excellent marks as a career prosecutor. Bottomline: the edge probably belongs to Capizzi at this point, but Keating's name is a great political buzz word and if Enright is able to make hay with this issue, watch out. Sources tell CALPEEK that MONEY is tight for both candidates. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ACCOUNTS AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on some new personnel developments:

- The CA Optometric Assn. has named veteran lobbyist Norma Dillion as COA Director of Govt. Affairs...

- Robert M. Conley and Richard B. Morten are now affiliated with the campaign management/PR/advertising firm of Solem & Assoc. of S.F. Morten is a former VP with the S.F. C of C, while Conley had been a deputy editor of the Contra Costa Times...

- Media consultant Steve Powell has been hired by 23rd C.D. GOP candidate Jim Solomon to produce spots for a cable TV buy...

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